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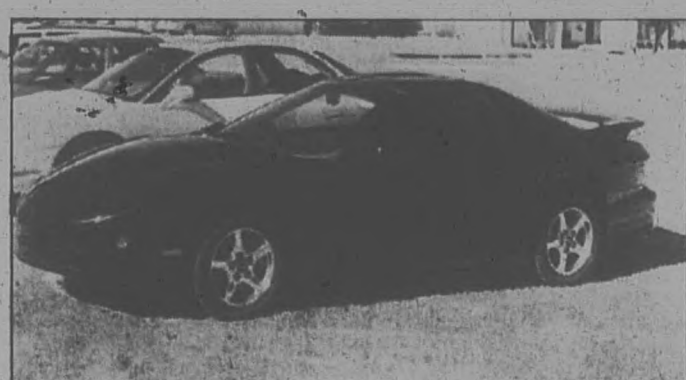
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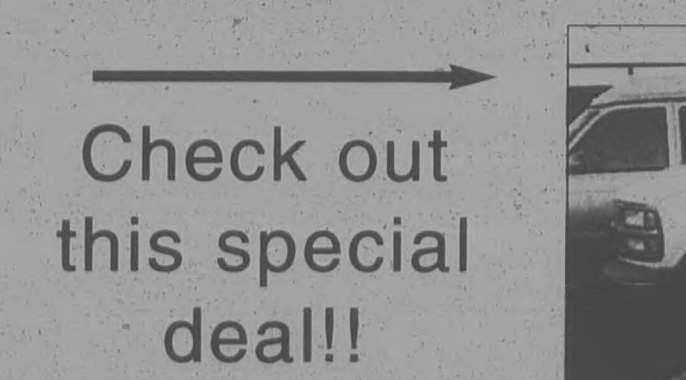
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U.S. Sen. Shelby discusses farm bill while visiting Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) visited Elba on Monday, Jan. 21, and conducted a county meeting at The National Security Group, Inc. Conference Center.

During the meeting, Sen. Shelby discussed issues facing the nation and the State of Alabama.

Elba Mayor James Grimes introduced Sen. Shelby to those in attendance, and he took the opportunity to thank the senator for his help in securing funds for the levee projects in Elba and Geneva.

"Without Sen. Shelby's help, the levee project would not be happening," Grimes said.

Shelby said he knew it would take a lot of money to fund the levee projects, and he also knew it would be a fight to get the money.

"We've got to strengthen the levee," he said. "You've got the money to do it now that you've never had before."

With that said, the senator turned to his meeting agenda and quickly indicated that the first thing he wanted to discuss was the pending farm bill.

He said the farm bill is supposed to be brought to the Senate floor on Monday, Jan. 28; however, he does not feel the bill will pass in its present form.

"I would like to vote for a farm bill," Shelby said. "There are a lot of things I like in this bill, but there are also things I think we can improve."

He said he thinks Congress is close to passing a bill, but he does not feel as though the current bill will pass as it is.

"I hope we can pass the bill but not just any bill," said Shelby. "I want a good bill, and I would like for us to vote on it sooner than later."

The next item on Shelby's mind was the \$2.0 trillion budget recently passed. With a breakdown of the dollars, he said Social Security will receive the majority of funds with approximately 33 percent earmarked for that program. Other top recipients include 16 percent for national defense, 12 percent for Medicare, 10 percent to cover the national debt, 19 percent for non-defense discretionary projects and 7 percent for Medicaid.

While on the subject of funding, Shelby mentioned the Alabama Federal-Aid Highway Funding in which he said the federal government throughout the past six years has more than doubled the money it provides Alabama for federal highway projects.

"No other state can say that," said Shelby. "Alabama is being well-represented on the appropriations committee."

Finally, the senator noted that he would like to see a reduction in the capital tax rate gains. He said this has been reduced some already, but he would like to see it reduce even more.

The meeting then shifted its tone as Shelby said his real purpose for holding the town meeting was to see what is on the minds of the citizens of Coffee County, and he opened the forum for any questions.

Quickly, it was evident that a main issue of concern for those in attendance was that of national security following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Questions about the military, homeland security, airport security and anthrax surfaced.

"I believe we're safer now than we were before Sept. 11," Shelby said in response to these questions. "I believe we're safer, because we're more alert."

However, he said everyone must realize that even with all the efforts being taken to secure the safety of America, the threat of terrorism still remains.

"When you talk of Osama bin Laden, you have to remember that he is only one of many," Shelby said. "After a while the military presence in Afghanistan will be counterproductive, and our focus will shift elsewhere against terrorism."

Shelby also fielded a question concerning education in Alabama, and he told those in attendance that the federal government has increased federal aid to education (about 13 percent) while at the same time, the State of Alabama has been decreasing funds.

"If the people of Alabama would get behind real education reform, I think we could do better."

Shelby has held over 1,000 county meetings since being elected to serve Alabama.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions discusses federal education bill

by Linda Hodge, Editor

U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) visited the Enterprise School System "Service Center" last Friday, Jan. 18, and held an education forum to discuss the recently passed federal education bill.

During the forum, Sessions told the large crowd in attendance that the recently passed education bill will allow federal funding to improve from \$555 million last year to \$722 million in 2002. However, on a national average, he said that is only a small percentage of funding.

One problem Sessions said the federal government is concerned with in regards to education is children falling behind in their studies; therefore, he feels the "No Child Left Behind" legislation will help in preventing this problem.

"We need to start early with children in elementary school that are falling behind and get them tutors or do whatever it takes to help them," he said. "This will help them to be more productive students and better citizens."

One mandate of the education bill that Sessions discussed involved the testing of students from 3rd-8th grade. However, he said Alabama already does this and more (testing begins in the first grade) so the testing procedures within the state will not have to change.

"We need to focus on what education is about," said Sessions. "Are children learning in a classroom?"

He said having a basic test that checks reading and math skills should allow educators to see if progress is occurring, and progress is what it will take to get education moving in an upward trend.

On the state level, Sessions said he has received good reports from State Superintendent Ed Richardson concerning the education of Alabama's children.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

There is a great cry going out over the treatment of the prisoners or "detainees" now in Cuba from the Middle East. Representatives of the U. S. military and administration in Washington have denied there is any cruel or unnecessarily harsh handling of these men, who were arrested as terrorists. We agree in part this time with the bleeding hearts! The Americans have made a mistake . . . we continue to be entirely too open with our military plans and operations. There should be none of our journalist peers allowed to be anywhere around these people, snapping pictures and lending incentives to the rabble rousers. There is apparently plenty of justification for the close, tight security on each one of them, as they are continually threatening to kill Americans. Personally, we see no "excessively harsh treatment," particularly when considering those continuing efforts to commit violent acts, even while prisoners.

The Anthrax threat is still out there and law enforcement is apparently no closer to zeroing in on the guilty parties than when it first happened. They did announce this week that the probe was close to determining which lab cultivated the stuff. But still with that information, they have no idea on the identity of Morris, Gilbert, The Golden Angel, Morris, Lynn-Where Two Seas Meet, Pilcher, Robin-Staring Over Rice, Luanne-Stone Heart, Roberts, Nora-Dance Upon the Air (LP), Snelling, Lauraine-A Dream to Follow.

The need for additional funding is real in the Elba School System. Listening to a lengthy workshop discussion between the school board members and a representative of the State Department of Education last Thursday evening, we alternated between concerned and down right mad. The mads often came when it seemed the blame for the budget shortfall during the past year was on our local folks and not on the 6.2% provision from the state level. The concerns were (and are) over the rising cost of continuing to furnish local students with extra courses and/or special help, over and beyond the minimum required by state law.

The Florida Lotto got big during the past few weeks, finally producing a winner(s) Saturday night. It is amazing to us that there was not one single winner for the twice weekly drawings for weeks and weeks, yet folks hit the jackpot, all the same night. Another tidbit on this lottery is the number of winners it produces in South Florida. One of Saturday night's winners was from Jacksonville (over on the East coast), but the other three were from way down South (West Palm Beach and the Tampa area). The only logical answer is that the number of tickets sold in South Florida far outnumber those sold in the Northern part of the state. That is in spite of all those Alabama people who reportedly flock to the state line to participate.

The losses in the stock market during the past year, and especially the Enron collapse, have muted the push from people on the streets for the right to invest their own Social Security funds. That is good timing in our opinion. Look what a disaster this country would be in if three-fourths of our future Social Security benefits had been in the stock market in 2001. The cry for the government to step in and bail out all us working stiffs, and our retirement plans, would be deafening! Just imagine multiplying those folks with their 401K heavy in Enron stock by several million and you see major disaster.

With the mistakes we make week in and week out, it is impossible to snicker at the mistakes of others. However, it is noteworthy that the official U. S. Capitol Historical Society printed 650,000 of their fancy 2002 Washington D.C. calendars depicting November with 31 days! That made December 2002 start on Monday rather than the expected Sunday start. It isn't funny, but executives with the organization are trying to laugh and shut out the tears. We know once the mistake has gone out, been discovered, etc., and they have done what damage control is humanly possible, all they can do at that point is accept the blame and move on to the next project.

Tuesday morning we called the Washington offices of Senator Richard Shelby. It was a mad house! They were finally getting to move back into their regular offices in the Hart Senate Building, and everyone had been converted into moving men and women. Needless to say, we quickly got off the phone with a promise to call back later. Just hope that if you had any paperwork up there for their help that it is not now lost in a huge pile of "miscellaneous" files, stored in a massive warehouse miles from the office, or worse, blown off the back of a moving van during the Tuesday transition.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 14, 2002, through January 20, 2002. They were: James Ballus, Grace Daniels, Betty Goodwin, Shirley Hudson, Bryant Gilley, Jean Campbell, Louise Campbell, Adolph Flowers, Kimberly Blue, Mona Wise, Julia Phillips, Patricia Leverett, Carolyn Caldwell, Amanda Moore, Geraldine Johnson, Winnie James, Carolyn Weathers, Nettie Hudson, Terry Chandler, Pam Blair and Marquita Burks.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Annice Emory, Shelia Bryant, Caleb Walden, Betty Goodwin, James Ballus, Mona Wise, Shirley Hudson, Adolph Flowers, Grace Daniels, Amanda Moore and Bryant Gilley.

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6 Months - \$9, including city & state tax
Alabama Counties - \$19 per year - including tax
& postage - \$10
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New Books at the
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Adult Fiction
Brown, Lillian Jackson-The Cat Who Went Up the Creek
Brown, Sandra-Thursdays Child
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Cookson, Catherine-The Silent Lady
Griffin, W.E.B.-Under Fire
Hansen, Carol-Basket Case
Howard, Linda-Strangers in the Night
Koonitz, Dean-One Door Away From Heaven
Krenz, Jayne Ann-Smoke in Mirrors
Lewis, Beverly-October Song
Meltzer, Bruce-The Millionaire
Morris, Gilbert-The Golden Angel
Morris, Lynn-Where Two Seas Meet
Pilcher, Robin-Staring Over Rice
Luanne-Stone Heart
Roberts, Nora-Dance Upon the Air (LP)
Snelling, Lauraine-A Dream to Follow

Nonfiction
A Bright Tomorrow: Words of Wisdom for the Days Ahead
Every Breath You Take-Ann Rule (True Crime-LP)
Free at Last-Experiencing True Freedom Through Your Identity in Christ
The New 8-Week Cholesterol Cure-Robert E. Kowalski
On Mission With God: Living God's Purpose For His Glory-Henry T. Blackaby
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The Cornell Illustrated Encyclopedia of Health
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Nonfiction
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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 14, 2002, investigated the following incidents: one theft of property, one vehicle accident, one damage to property, one harassment, one disorderly conduct, one criminal mischief, one assault and one driving under the influence.
The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, two for harassment, one for disorderly conduct and one for driving under the influence.
Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eighteen for speeding, one for an improper tag, three for violation of the seat belt law, four for no insurance, two for running a stop sign, two for driver's license suspended, one for an expired tag.

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• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
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• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP-Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thur. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur. - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Elba City Hall

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 897-3434
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Deisoli bldg.

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

House, passes Voter I.D. bill

The Alabama House of Representatives is continuing to move the State of Alabama into the 21st Century by passing the Voter I.D. bill. "Our goal is to strengthen our system without inhibiting voter participation," states Rep. Terry Spicer (D - Elba). "Unfortunately the level of voter confidence in our election system has declined. I want to protect the integrity of elections in Alabama. I want our voters to know that we are taking measures to protect and safeguard their voting rights."

HB 100 by Representative Spicer and HB 36 by Representative Capps (R - Birmingham) were both introduced pertaining to voter identification. An amended version of HB 36 passed in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, Jan. 15, and is currently in the Senate.

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Obituaries

BONNIE KATHERINE THOMASON

Mrs. Bonnie Katherine Thomsan, age 89, of Elba, Ala., died Jan. 16, 2002 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Mrs. Thomsan was a lifelong resident of Elba. Funeral services were held Jan. 18, 2002 at the Elba United Methodist Church with Rev. John Baxter officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

ESTELLE PRESTWOOD SANDERS

Mrs. Estelle Prestwood Sanders, age 102, of 1919 County Road 107, Jack, Ala., died Jan. 22, 2002 at her home.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002 at 11 a.m. at Roton Baptist Church with Reverend Joe Sanders officiating. Burial will follow at Roton Baptist Church Cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home of Brundidge directing.

Mrs. Sanders was preceded in death by her husband, Virginia Sanders; daughter, Dorothy Grace Sanders; and sons, Marion and Daniel Sanders.

Survivors include four daughters and sons-in-law: Mary and Labon Gregory, Roton, Virginia Brown, Warrior, Ala., Martha and Billy Wilson, Destin, Fla., and Louise and Randolph Johnston, Brundidge; two sons and daughters-in-law: Roy and Reba Sanders, Troy, Ala., Ray and David Sanders, Roton; two daughters-in-law: Virginia Sanders, Roton; Barbara McVey, Troy, Ala.; 18 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren.

CHARLES (CHARLIE) DURWOOD JONES

Mr. Charles (Charlie) Durwood Jones, age 70, of New Brockton, Ala., died Jan. 15, 2002 at the Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Jan. 18, 2002 at Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church with Rev. Mike Medley officiating. Burial followed in the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his parents, Monroe and Essie Bea Jones, and a son, Charles Max Jones.

Survivors include his wife: Julia Muriel Jones, New Brockton; five daughters and sons-in-law: Glenda and Kenneth Sem, New Brockton, Linda and Freddy Sanders, Brantley, Brenda and Tommy Stuckey, Enterprise, Belinda and David Hestup, Oakland, Calif., Julia and William Moore, New Brockton; two sons and daughters-in-law: Kenneth D. and Evonne Jones, James E. and Cindy Jones, all of New Brockton; two sisters, Vencie Jones Wilson and Lola Allen, both of Columbus, Ga.; three brothers: K.M. Jones, Graceville, Fla.; David Jones, Columbia, Ala.; Louie Jones, Graceville, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

FRANCES EDDINS

Mrs. Frances Eddins, age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Jan. 10, 2002 at the Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 2002 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Jimmy Eddins officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Ellis Lee Eddins, Elba; three sons: Randy Eddins, Jimmy Eddins and Edward Eddins, all of Elba; one daughter: Wayne Singleton, New Brockton; one brother: Cecil Smith, Plant City, Fla.; two sisters: Anne Pearl Wise and Hazel Willis, both of Plant City, Fla.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Forest incentive funds are available in state

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced a sign-up for the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) from February 4 to February 15, 2002, at local offices. For more information about the FY-2002 FIP sign-up, call 894-5581, Ext. 3, or go by the New Brockton office.

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BRIAR PATCH will be at Briar Patch on Saturday, February 2, from 1:00 P.M. until 3:30 P.M. to sign his latest novel, CAPTAIN SATURDAY. You may reserve an autographed copy by calling Briar Patch at 897-8591.

Bridal Registry

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Nateasha Brannon & Jeffrey Pippin Shower: 01/13/02 Wedding: 01/28/02
Melissa Barbow & Lowell Thomas, III Shower: 03/17/02 Wedding: 4/13/02
Rafael Rhoades & Barney Wilson Shower: 05/05/02 Wedding: 05/11/02

On The Square Elba 897-8591

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Linda,

Thank you for allowing me space to let the citizens of our town know how much we appreciate their support of our Chamber events during the holiday season.

The Christmas Festival was a fun filled day with a little different twist to our regular festival. The children seemed to really enjoy the added rides and events. The weather was great and the entertainment was outstanding.

The parade was the best one yet. We say that every year but with Jimmy Harrison in charge he really outdid himself each year. Thank Jimmy!

The lighting ceremony was a big success again and the best thing about this event is we get to honor some of our people who go the extra mile often quietly without anyone knowing.

This year we had a new event, "Christmas in the Forest." We had an overwhelming response to this event and it was a big success. A dedicated group of men, women and children worked really hard to put this event together. Of course this would not have been possible without the help of those families who provided the horses and buggies. These families willingly gave their time for our enjoyment. They were Bobby Boutwell, Doyle Hudson, Ken English, David Dean, Phillip Mixson, David Bandstra and Arthur D. Smith. Another group who worked extremely hard was the Forest Lake subdivision neighbors. What a great job they did in turning their neighborhood into a beautiful Christmas city. I would like to say a big "THANKS" to all of them for helping us. They really went the extra mile. That neighborhood and the buggy drivers exemplified the true meaning of Christmas with their willingness to give so others could enjoy. Thank you again!!!!

I cannot forget all the people who work with us each year to put these events together. So many people get involved to help and without their help it wouldn't happen. Thanks to the Christmas Festival Committee, the City Departments who help, the 1st Baptist Youth, Dorsey's, the Chamber Board, Boy Scouts, New Season's Study Club, our city officials and

many other groups. We appreciate your dedication to our city. I could not close without letting the citizens of Elba know how much work and dedication each of these committee members put forth. These things don't just happen and without our volunteers we could not begin to accomplish these events.

Thanks to everyone who worked and attended! Kaye Whitworth, Director Elba Chamber of Commerce

Dear EHS Class of 1950: Thank you for your recent donation of \$100 to Elba High School's Library Media Center. Hearing from alumni and friends is always a pleasure. I hope you will find time to visit Elba High School. Although buildings and location are not the same, we still strive to give our students the best possible education. Technology has changed many ways of teaching, but basic principles remain the same. School pride is a must if we are to continue the legacy of previous classes like yours. As Elba High School moves into its second century of education, students, donations like the one from your class helps us to continue the rich tradition that this community expects.

Please note this donation was made in memory of the following deceased class members: Jeannine Boutwell, Foy Blue, Talmadge Brunson, Harold Devane, Joe Tom Dyess, George Hodge, Ray Knight, Marshall Reddock, Howard Stroud, Sam Young and Paul Smart.

Thanks again and please visit us if you have an opportunity. Sincerely, Margaret Calhoun, LMS Elba High School

Reception for Jimmy Clark's retirement will be held on January 27

A reception honoring Jimmy Clark for 36 years service with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room at the Coffee County Office Complex on U.S. 84E, New Brockton. For further information call 894-5581, Ext. 3.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS



N'HARMONY, a young Southern Gospel quartet from Nashville, Tenn. will be singing at Southside Baptist Church on January 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., Victoria Baptist Church on January 26, 2002 at 7:00 p.m., Hwy 125 Victoria, First United Methodist Church on January 27, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., in Opp, Ala.; First Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. on January 27, 2002 at 302 N. Main St., Enterprise. No admission fee will be charged but a love offering will be accepted. For further information call 334-293-3240.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ
"Please explain the specific reason for italic words being printed in the Bible."

J.L., Elba
The purpose for the use of italic words, which are words not found in the original texts, in our English translations is for clarity of the meaning of the original texts.

For example, the phrase "I am baptizing" is represented by only one word in the Greek, which is the word baptizo. But to understand the meaning of the word in English it required the use of three words.
However, the italic words are not translated from an original Hebrew word (Old Testament), or from an original Greek word (New Testament). These words are added by the translators for the sole purpose of helping us to understand the meaning of the text, not to add or take away from the meaning. For example, Jesus asked the Pharisees "What think ye of Christ? whose son is he (Matthew 22:42)?" In the same verse is the reply given by the Pharisees who said, "The son of David."

Now in the original their response is simply "of David," but to help us better understand that they were referring to the son of David since Jesus asked them whose son is Christ, the words *the son* were added for the purpose of clarity. These words in the italics did not change in any way the meaning of the text.

However, we must realize that the italic words are not inspired, which requires us to understand the meaning of verses in their context so that we may discern whether or not the italic words in a given text are necessary. For example, in writing the book of Ecclesiastes Solomon set out to find the purpose of life (Ecclesiastes 1:1-3).
When we come to the end of the book we realize the answer Solomon found in which he stated, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man (Ecclesiastes 12:13)."

This word *duty* needed not to have been supplied for there is no other way that man will be fulfilled but to "fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole of man (Ecclesiastes 12:13)."

Jimmy Simmons
"If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to: 'Questions and Answers,' c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36623. We invite everyone to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Please call 897-2057 for times of services."

Westside Baptist plans Missions Day for kids

Missions Day for kids in grades kindergarten through sixth will be held at Westside Baptist Church (1026 Caroline St., Elba) on January 26 from 10:00-1:00.

Sign language class to be offered for children in Dothan

"Signing With Kids", a sign language class for the combination of a parent and child to learn together, is being offered by the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind on Saturdays beginning on February 3, 2002 from 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at AIDB Dothan Regional Center 111 Medical Drive in Dothan. The cost is \$50.00. Please call to pre-register at 334-677-6270.



KELLY TINDOL, of Kelly's Bar-B-Que was recently presented a plaque for his dedicated efforts in assisting the Elba Zion Youth Department with their Boston Butt fund raisers. The plaque read in part: "For outstanding and dedicated service." Pictured are from left: Ozan Jackson, Sharlene Tillis, Tindol, and Allison Gavin.

Mary K. Mitchum receives honors at UAB

Mary K. Mitchum of New Brockton, a student at the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, was named to the presidential honors list at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) for the fall 2001 term.



THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CURTIS REUNION was held October 16, 2001 at the New Ebenezer (Curtis) Baptist Church. Former students, teachers, and support personnel travel from all parts of the United States to see friends and reminisce about days gone by. Oscar Cooper and wife Charlotte travel from Welch, Okla. every year to enjoy the good food and fellowship with friends and relatives. The reunion is held every year on the second Saturday of October at the Picnic Pavilion on the grounds of the New Ebenezer Baptist Church.



LOVE'S WAY CHURCH (3 miles West of Enterprise on Highway 134, Damascus Road, next to Covington Electric Co-Op) has scheduled Homecoming for Sunday, February 3, 2002. Morning Worship will begin at 10:45 a.m. with Rev. Terry McCrummen, Pastor of Marvin Chapel Assembly of God Church, as Guest Speaker. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. The afternoon service will begin at 2:00 p.m. featuring "The Hinsons" from Hendersonville, Tenn. For more information call (334) 985-9856 or 393-6731.

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For more information about the science of light vision, visit the Optical Society of America's website at www.osa.org.

LIFESTYLES

Mary Stephens Ramsey is graduate of Montevallo

More than 200 University of Montevallo students received their diplomas at fall commencement Dec. 14. Among those candidates was Mary Stephens Ramsey of Elba.

Elena Strong receives her Master's degree from UAB

Elena A. Strong of Elba was among the 932 students who received degrees during the fall 2001 term at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). Strong received her Master's degree from the School of Health-Related Professions.



Jan Dyess

Jan Dyess honored with birthday party

Jan Dyess of Elba celebrated her 47th birthday on Monday, Jan. 21; however, the ladies at the Magic Mirror helped Jan to celebrate a few days early. On Wednesday, Jan. 16, she was treated to a birthday party at the Magic Mirror. Jan visits the hair salon weekly, and the ladies at the shop wanted to help her celebrate in style.

Coffee Springs High School Reunion to be held for classes 1970-1980

Coffee Springs High School Reunion for the classes 1970-1980 will be held on February 2, 2002 at the Enterprise Recreation Center from 7:00 p.m.-until. Bring finger foods and a 2 liter drink. Contact Darlene Ward Halcomb at (334) 393-2376.

Hudson Wise celebrates second birthday recently

Hudson Wise, the son of Gappa and Mona Wise, celebrated his 2nd birthday with a party at his home in Elba. Attending were his grandparents Dwight and Carolyn Kelley, Elba; Shirley and Robin Earl Morgan, Enterprise; his great-grandmother, Mary Alice Wise, Elba; his aunt and uncle Kim and David Lowery and cousin Andrew and Trey, Brantley; and his uncle Jerry Wise, Elba. Hudson is also the grandson of the late James J. Wise, Jr. of Elba. His maternal great grandmother is Mary Lacey Nolin who resides in Red Level.



Christopher Senn

Christopher Senn celebrates birthday with party

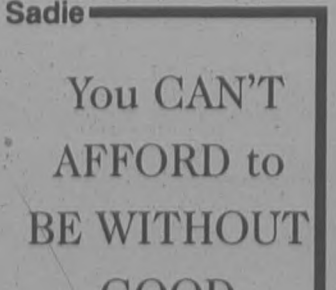
Christopher Senn celebrated his fourth birthday January 16, with a party on January 19 at the Jack Assembly of God fellowship hall. He is the son of Don and Terri Senn of Jack, and his grandparents are Pat and Linda Senn and Doug and Nell Shiver all of Jack. The theme of the party was "Scooby-Doo." Several family and friends celebrated with Christopher.



Bhret Dawson Flowers

Bhret Dawson Flowers is one year old

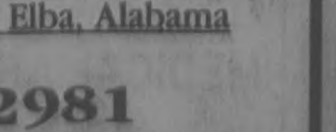
Bhret Dawson Flowers celebrated his 1st birthday on January 7, 2002. Bhret is the son of Chris and Marie Flowers of Elba. Joining Bhret in his celebration were his grandparents, aunt, uncles, cousins, and many friends. The party started with a chili cooking and then moved to the cake. The theme of Bhret's party was sports.



Isaac Jeremiah Watkins

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Sylvia and Dexter Watkins of Elba, Ala. announce the birth of their son, Isaac Jeremiah Watkins. Isaac was born on November 24, 2001 at Andalusia Regional Hospital, in Andalusia, Ala. He weighed 8 pounds 4.2 ounces and was 22 inches long. Grandparents are Willie Mae Dubose of Opp, Ala. and Hazel and James Watkins of Repton, Ala. Great grandparents are Willie Lou Watkins of Repton, Ala. and James Rudolph of Bellville.



Isaac Jeremiah Watkins



MR. AND MRS. L.M. BURCH HOSTED THE BURCH FAMILY Christmas dinner at their home on Dec. 9. Guests included their children and grandchildren: Lawayne Chappell, Youngstown, Fla.; Lason and Kendall Chappell, Elba; Jason, Kathy and Jan Leigh Burch, Millbrook; Valerie Mitchell and Robbie Chappell, Brantley. Other out-of-town guests included: James and Shirley Burch, Robert and Pam Myers, all of Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Burch, Slocomb; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Burch and family; Mr. and Mrs. Joel Burch and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sherrill and family; Roter and Aundrea Harris, all of Birmingham; Sam Burch, Niceville, Fla.; Vera Scalberg, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; Pat Redden, Laguna Beach, Fla.; Dan Wolfe; Angie Smith and children, Ashland, Ala.

Charles Nicholas Johnson is three years old

Charles Nicholas Johnson celebrated his 3rd birthday on January 15. He is the son of Jeff and Vicki Johnson of Elba. Helping Nicholas celebrate were his grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream with a "Bob the Builder" theme.

Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart Pageant to be held February 2

The Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart Pageant will be held at Elba Elementary School on February 2, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Starla Amison at 897-8301 after 4:30.



Charles Nicholas Johnson

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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN			
ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHET Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	RETHLEAF AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Elsie Phillips-Cope, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Tue. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.	BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.	RELUY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Elsie Smith, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.
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DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Lorrell Martin, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	FARVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	
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Views from...
THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Back when the girls were younger I would always give them a hug and a kiss every night before they went to bed, but as they got older and began to spend more time in their rooms, it seemed like the good night routine simply became a shout to "turn off your lights and go to sleep." One night last week while watching the late news I thought back to the "good old days," and promised myself that even if it was a few weeks late, there was one new year's resolution that this Dad was going to keep!

DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

*** The Elba Tigers rolled to three wins on the road last week to improve their record to 13-2, and even though two of the wins were a little less than impressive, a win is a win, and the Tigers are still riding along with the area tournament now only two weeks away. The Tigers' sticky defense and patient offense led to a pair of less than exciting wins over Opp 47-44 and Luverne 40-28, but Elba bounced back on Saturday night and pounded arch-rival New Brockton 67-48 in a game that wasn't even as close as the 19-point win might indicate. The Tigers have improved in all areas over the course of the season and appear to have a solid shot at making a trip to Troy State in the 3A Regional. However, there is still quite a bit of work left to do, and the Tigers will still have to improve if they hope to enter the area tournament on a roll.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers staged two furious rallies to pull-out road wins in Opp and Luverne, but then saw a late rally fall just short in a one-point loss to New Brockton, as their record moved to 10-5 on the season. The Lady Tigers rallied from 17-points down in the second quarter to win over the 4A Lady Bobcats, and then never led until the fourth quarter in their win over Luverne. Elba fell behind early against New Brockton and appeared headed for a big loss, but once again rallied, and this time fell one point short. If the Lady Tigers can start the game with the same kind of intensity they have late in the game they would find the wins easy to come by, and give their fans a chance to catch their breath.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs snapped a four-game losing streak with a big area win over Arton, and it looks like the Bulldogs have regained their focus after starting the season off 9-5. The Bulldogs and their fans may have gotten a false sense of just how good they really were after some big early-season wins. However, there is nothing like a losing streak and some long, hard practices to put everything back in perspective. The guess here is that the Bulldogs will regroup and be at their best before the tournament rolls around. The Lady Bulldogs posted wins over Zion Chapel and Arton last week to move atop the area standings with a 3-0 slate. It has been a long time since the Kinston girls have made news on the basketball court, but this bunch of girls appear dedicated to the sport and determined to win, and it shows.

*** The Zion Chapel Rebels woke up last week to bite both Kinston and Arton, and all of the sudden the Rebels are in the middle of a fight to get the #2 seed in the upcoming area tournament. The Rebels had been in the midst of a long losing streak and got wiped out the week before in Elba, but came back fighting and grabbed two big wins. I guess area basketball fans can quit looking for the Rebels in the obituaries, because these Rebels are very much alive. The Lady Rebels have been playing hard, but have found the wins hard to come by and will have to be satisfied playing the role of spoiler in the upcoming area tournament. The Zion Chapel girls are much, much better than their record indicates, and have the program headed in the right direction.

*** The New Brockton Gamecocks struggled to three more losses last week and just couldn't seem to get a break as the losses continued to mount. The Gamecocks have settled in on an offense and defense that will give them a chance to win every time they hit the court. They just need something good to happen - like a big upset win over somebody, soon. The Lady Gamecocks posted their 14th win of the season last week and have to be considered one of the favorites in their area, despite losses to area foes Barbour County and Samson. The New Brockton girls play hard for all thirty-two minutes and never back down from a challenge. I believe it will pay off come tournament time.

*** It is kind of hard to believe, but Monday was the first day high school baseball and softball teams could take the field for practice. January 21 may seem early, but with the basketball season winding down, I guess it is time to get ready for the next sport. Kinston should be one of the top teams around in baseball, while over in softball it will be interesting to see how the girls react to the changes to fast pitch.

*** In closing... I would like to remind parents and fans of all ages that it is far better to cheer for their own teams than to jeer the refs and the members of the opposing teams. It seems like the shouts from the stands are getting more critical than constructive, and that seldom results in any changes for the better. C'mon fans, cheer for your team, loudly!

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Improve record to 13-2 with road win

Tigers stew Gamecocks 67-48

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead in the second quarter and pulled away in the second half Saturday night to pound the New Brockton Gamecocks 67-48, in New Brockton.

The win upped the Tigers' record to 13-2, while the Gamecocks slipped to 3-17 with the loss.

New Brockton's Ryan Kinsaul nailed two long three-pointers from deep in the corner early in the opening stanza to give the Gamecocks a 6-4 lead, and New Brockton took its biggest lead of the quarter with 3:07 remaining when Justin Edwards muscled inside to give the Gamecocks an 8-4 advantage. Elba's Derrick Brooks hit a three-pointer, with 2:43 left to pull the Tigers within 10-9, while Elba moved on top with 1:34 remaining on a tip-in by John Mitchell, only to see the Gamecocks regain the lead at 14-13 only seconds before the buzzer on a short jumper by Lanorris Smith.

New Brockton upped its lead to 15-13 early in the second quarter on a free-throw by Eric Williams. However, the Tigers went on a 7-0 run behind the inside scoring of John Mitchell and Quinton Gavin, and moved on top 20-15 with 5:16 left in the half when Kyle English connected on two free-throws. The Gamecocks hung tough against their cross-county rivals and pulled within 25-22 with 1:38 remaining on a three-pointer by Shawn Griffith, only to see the Tigers' John Mitchell score six straight points to spark an 8-0 Elba run that ended with the Tigers to go in at the half with a 33-22 advantage.

Brandon Wade and John Mitchell scored quick baskets in the third quarter as the Tigers' lead grew to 42-22, and Elba put the game away midway through the quarter as Abia Williams and Marcus Henderson "parked" an 8-0 Tiger run that gave Elba a big 45-24 lead with 4:25 remaining in the stanza.

Elba swapped baskets with the Gamecocks for the remainder of the third quarter and car-

Elba dumps Luverne 40-28 for key area 2 road victory

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and then pulled away late Thursday night to claim a big 40-28 area win over the Luverne Tigers, in Luverne.

The win upped Elba's record to 12-2, 3-1 in area play, while Luverne slipped to 4-8, 0-5 in area competition.

Elba came out ready to play against its area rivals and continued a sticky defense with a patient offense to grab a 10-2 advantage. Kyle English nailed a long three-pointer to give the Tigers an outside source of points, while Tim Andrews baited inside Tim Andrews to give Elba an inside presence.

Luverne began to find its offense in the second stanza and rallied to pull within 16-15 by the end of the half. However, Elba stepped up its pace after intermission and rode the outside shooting of Derrick Brooks and the inside scoring punch of John Mitchell to stretch its lead to 27-23 heading into the final stanza.

The Tiger defense put the clamps on the Luverne offense in the fourth quarter, and hit four of four from the free-throw line late in the stanza to pull away and claim the important 40-28 road win.

John Mitchell scored 11 points to lead Elba, while Justin Moody led Luverne with 9 points.

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ried a 54-29 lead into the final stanza, and was still on top big at 56-31 with 6:38 remaining when Abia Williams nailed a long jumper. Randy Danford and Jeremy Anderson sparked a New Brockton rally midway through the quarter, and when Ryan Kinsaul drained his third three-pointer of the night with 3:23 remaining, the Gamecocks had chopped the Elba advantage to 59-40.

Quinton Gavin scored two quick buckets to up the Elba lead to 63-42 with 2:35 left on the clock, and the Tigers easily held on to claim the big 67-48 road win over the Gamecocks. John Mitchell scored 26 points to lead Elba, while Marcus Henderson added 11. Ryan Kinsaul and Justin Harbuck both scored 9 points to lead New Brockton.

EL 13 20 21 13 - 67
NB 14 8 7 19 - 48

Elba (67): English 4, Gavin 8, Williams 7, Daniels 3, Wade 2, Andrews 3, Henderson 11, Brooks 3, Mitchell 26.
NB (48): Williams 6, Kinsaul 9, Griffith 6, Hart 2, Danford 4, Harbuck 9, Edwards 2, Anderson 4, Smith 6.

(B GAME)

The Elba B team Tigers saw their recent winning ways come to an abrupt end with a 46-25 loss to New Brockton, in New Brockton. The Tigers trailed only 6-5 after one quarter, but saw the Gamecocks open up a 34-15 advantage by the end of the third quarter and roll to the surprisingly easy 46-25 win.

Matthew Curran and Quinton Robinson both scored 6 points to lead Elba, while Brandon Owens and Herring both scored 10 points for the Gamecocks.

N.B. (46): Owens 10, Perry 3, Foster 6, Herrero 4, Foster 4, Parrish 2, Herring 10, Caldwell 6, Flowers 6.

Elba (25): Curran 6, Cross 1, Allen 2, Daniels 2, Foushee 4, Robinson 6, Kelley 4.

Elba (40): English 6, Gavin 2, Andrews 8, Henderson 6, Brooks 7, Mitchell 11.

Luverne (28): Rutledge 2, Stroud 2, Crittenden 7, Moody 9, Walters 8.

(B GAME)

The Elba B team Tigers overcame a scoreless first quarter to defeat Luverne 35-20, Thursday night in Luverne. The Tigers failed to find the basket in the opening stanza and trailed 5-0 at the end of the first quarter, but woke up in the second quarter and went on a 15-2 tear to grab a 15-5 halftime advantage. The Tigers increased their lead to 21-10 in the third quarter and easily held on to roll to the 35-20 win.

Quenton Robinson scored 8 points to lead Elba, while Brandon Kelley added 7.

Elba (35): Curran 5, Cl. Skinner 2, Sutley 2, Cross 2, Allen 1, Lambert 2, Allen 2, Daniels 4, Foushee 2, Robinson 8, Kelley 7.

Luverne (20): Reed 2, Norton 3, Baggens 2, Rogers 1, McCastle 3, Burnette 2, Franklin 2, Wilson 2, Hayes 1, McCreary 2.



Elba's Marcus Henderson (in black) drives past New Brockton's Justin Edwards (in white) during the Tigers' big 67-48 win over the Gamecocks Saturday night, in New Brockton. The Tigers will travel to Calhoun Friday night for a Class 3A, Area 2 showdown with top-ranked Calhoun.

Tigers stop Opp 47-44

The Elba Tigers regained the lead for good late in the second quarter and held off a late Opp rally to down the Bobcats 47-44, last Tuesday night in Opp.

The win upped Elba's record to 11-2, while Opp slipped to 5-10 with the loss.

The pace was slow on both ends of the court in the opening stanza with the lead changing hands twice, until Elba's John Mitchell scored two baskets late in the quarter to put the Tigers on top 8-5.

A driving lay-up by Marcus Henderson gave the Tigers their biggest lead of the half at 10-5 with 7:17 remaining in the second quarter, but Elba failed to get back on the scoreboard for over two minutes, and the Bobcats rallied to pull even at 10-10 thanks to the Tigers' offensive woes.

A breakaway dunk by Marcus Henderson put the Tigers back on top 12-10, while Kyle English converted an old fashioned three-pointer with a lay-up and a free-throw late as Elba carried a 17-15 advantage in at intermission.

The Tigers picked up the pace in the third quarter and rode the inside scoring of John Mitchell to take a 23-17 lead with 4:27 remaining in the stanza, and managed to hold on to the six-point lead throughout the quarter as they carried a 30-24 lead into the final eight minutes of play.

Elba's lead grew to 32-24 early in the final stanza on a short jumper by Quinton Gavin, and the Tigers appeared to have put the game away late when Kyle English and Marcus Henderson combined for seven unanswered points to give the Tigers a 43-32 advantage with only 1:09 left on the clock. Opp

Elba (47): English 15, Gavin 4, Henderson 11, Brooks 2, Mitchell 11, Andrews 4.
Opp (44): Henderson 7, Lane 13, Harris 6, Coleman 6, Mount 12.

(B GAME)

The Elba B team Tigers staged a furious fourth quarter rally to defeat the Opp Bobcats 40-36, last Tuesday afternoon in Opp. The Tigers came out on fire and jumped out to a quick 10-3 lead, only to see Opp rally and grab a 34-28 advantage heading into the final stanza.

The Tigers regained command late, however, and went on a 12-2 run in the final six minutes to rally and claim the exciting 40-36 win.

Justin Allen hit four three-pointers and scored 22 points to lead Elba, while McDaniel led Opp with 9 points.

Elba (40): Co. Skinner 5, Curran 2, Allen 22, Daniels 7, Foushee 2, Kelley 2.
Opp (36): Parker 6, McDaniel 9, Franklin 7, Hines 3, Tyson 2, Stephens 4, Hunter 5.

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SPORTS

Overcome 17-point second quarter deficit

Elba Lady Tigers rally past Opp 42-38

The Elba Lady Tigers spotted Opp an early 17-point lead and then came storming back to defeat the Lady Bobcats 42-38, last Tuesday night in Opp.

The win improved Elba's record to 9-4, while Opp fell to 6-10 with the loss.

The Lady Tigers held their own early in the opening stanza and trailed only 4-3 with 7:06 left in the quarter after a three-pointer by Lagina Mack.

However, Elba began to have problems with the Lady Bobcat press midway through the first quarter and watched as Opp scored twelve straight points to take a 16-3 advantage with 2:41 remaining in the stanza. A buck-

by Latoya Tyson ended Elba's scoring drought, but the Lady Tigers continued to struggle against the Opp defense and trailed 21-7 after one quarter of play.

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SPORTS

High School Roundball Roundup

Brantley guns down Flying Squadron 78-57

The Brantley Bulldogs spotted Highland Home an early 15-point lead and then came storming back to shoot down the Flying Squadron 78-57. In Brantley, Antonio Turner scored 24 points to lead the (10-5) Bulldogs, while Terrell Burns added 23 and Mike Mitchell scored 12 points and pulled down 15 rebounds.

Brantley Lady Bulldogs claim 61-53 upset win

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs hosted highly-touted Highland Home and handed the Lady Squadron a 61-53 upset loss. Precious Wiley poured in 24 points to spark the Lady Bulldogs to the upset win.

Kinston Bulldogs fall to Pleasant Home 70-66

The Kinston Bulldogs battled the third-ranked Pleasant Home Eagles until the final horn before falling 70-66. Monday night, Kinston, Author Coleman and Troy Turnman both scored 12 points to lead the (14-4) Eagles, while Jon Gidson and Chris Hukabak both added 11.

Lady Bulldogs bounced by Lady Eagles 67-30

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw a short winning streak snapped Monday night in Kinston when the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles posted a 67-30 win. Britni Ballard scored 16 points to lead the (12-6) Lady Bulldogs, while Courtney Jones added 15 and Brittany Blount scored 13.

New Brockton tripped up by Samson 59-40

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued to struggle on Tuesday night in a 59-40 loss to the Samson Tigers. Justin Edwards scored 16 points to lead the (3-15) Gamecocks, while (11-3) Samson was led by Travis Bess with 30 points.

Lady Gamecocks drop battle to Samson 57-54

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw their area title hopes take a serious blow Tuesday night as they stunned the Bulldogs 57-54. Kendra Cole scored 21 points and Rena Donaldson added 12 for the (12-6) Lady Gamecocks, while Psyche Bess scored 38 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to spark the (7-5) Lady Tigers.

Zion Chapel Rebels ambush Kinston 57-53

The Zion Chapel Rebels ambushed their cross-country rivals from Kinston on Tuesday night as they stunned the Bulldogs 57-53. Brandon Arnold scored 16 points to lead the (2-12) Rebels, while Brandon Arnold added 10. Tim Whigham scored 16 points to lead the (9-9) Bulldogs.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs rip Lady Rebels 50-32

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued their late-season surge Tuesday night with a 50-32 win over the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. Bridgett Marlowe scored 11 points to lead the (5-11) Lady Bulldogs, while Inessa Wambles and Jessica Flowers both scored 12 points for the (1-13) Lady Rebels.

Kinston Bulldogs knock off Purple Cats 77-44

The Kinston Bulldogs snapped a four-game losing streak Thursday night with a big 77-44 win over the Arton Purple Cats. Jeremy Driver scored 16 points to lead the (10-9) Bulldogs, while Lee Whigham added 15. T.R. Oliver scored 11 points to lead (2-9) Arton.

KINSTON 12 ROCKERS 7

The Rockers fell behind early and never recovered in a 12-7 loss to Kinston, in Girls 12 and Under action. Scoring for the Rockers were Ashley Carpenter 3, Kayla Kyser 2 and Hannah Manning 2. Scoring for Kinston were Kaleigh Sanders 10 and Angel Francisco 2.

STARZZ 22 ROCKERS 8

The Starzz led all the way to rip the Rockers 22-8, in Girls 12 and Under action. Scoring for the Starzz were Kayla Kyser 8, Ashley Carpenter 4, Kynu Coleman 4, Brittany Caldwell 4 and Hannah Manning 2. Scoring for the Rockers were Chesi Cross 4, Krystan Parker 3 and Shaundra Hardwick 1.

SHOCK 18 COMETS 7

The Shock pulled away in the second half to down the Comets 18-7, in Girls 10 and Under action. Scoring for the Shock were Ashley Cooks 7, April Finedore 3, Shaundra Hardwick 3, Nicki Edwards 3, Danielle Hardwick 1 and Tierney Starks 1. Scoring for the Comets were Kynu Coleman 4, Meagan Anderson 1. Scoring for Opp were Heather Smith 4, Sharece Stephens 3, Kendra Meeks 2, Adrienne Ellison 2, Ashley Anderson 2, and Jessica Elmore 2.

OPP 15 ROCKERS 12

The Rockers saw a late rally fall short in a 15-12 loss to Opp, in Girls 12 and Under action. Scoring for the Rockers were Krystan Parker 5, Chesi Cross 3, Hannah Manning 3 and Meagan Anderson 1. Scoring for Opp were Heather Smith 4, Sharece Stephens 3, Kendra Meeks 2, Adrienne Ellison 2, Ashley Anderson 2, and Jessica Elmore 2.

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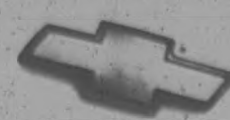
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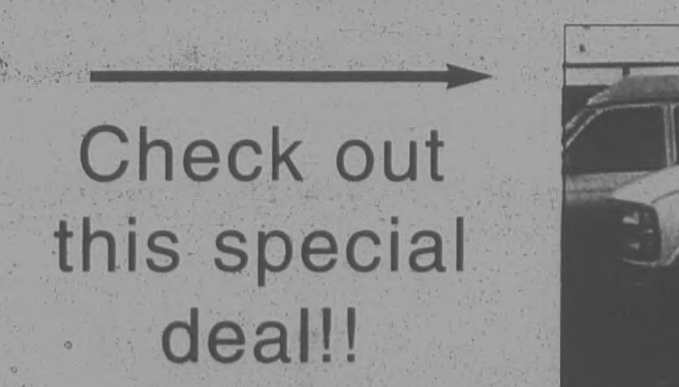
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Elba council members receive updates from 2001 figures

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met in a brief session Monday evening with all members present.

They heard Mayor James Grimes' review of the December financial statement, and note that revenue is under budget (overall) but fairly normal for this time of the year. The mayor explained that total expenses appear to be far above budget, but paying for the two new police cars early in the fiscal year caused this imbalance.

The mayor told council members that the budget for last year has been completed and reflects what was already known.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth presented an annual recap of activity of Animal Control

given copies of an application for authority to organize a "Downtown Development Authority for the City of Elba."

City Attorney Jeff Kelley explained that the council members should be prepared for the necessary three citizens to present a signed application to them at their next meeting for approval.

He said approval would actually be giving them permission to incorporate the development authority for the long range job of a needed face lift for downtown Elba.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth presented an annual recap of activity of Animal Control

Officer George Homyak. It shows a total of 674 animals picked up and housed in the local pound during the past year.

Of these, 61 were picked up by the owners and 168 adopted by new owners.

City Clerk Wayne Gfantham reported city crews are patching potholes in city streets and have been doing clean up jobs along city streets and rights-of-ways.

Gfantham announced he is nearing completion on the necessary legal documents to begin an aggressive program to remove a large portion of the abandoned automobiles from city streets.

Council member E. M. Burch acknowledged a number of citizens have made favorable comments concerning the clean up efforts.

Councilman Ronnie Hammond asked about plans to resurfacing with city funds or grants on streets in the various districts of the community. Grimes reported the long discussed project to resurface several downtown streets and said it is still waiting on funding approval from the state.

Grimes also noted the tight budget and said that without a bond issue there would probably be very little additional paying this year. He did ask council

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Despite continued dispute

Stephens' senior citizen center motion approved

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Senior Citizen Centers captured the attention of Coffee County Commissioners Monday morning, Jan. 28, as the members dealt with a dispute over a grant application to build more centers within the county.

During the Jan. 14 commission meeting, Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion to amend an already approved motion which called for the county to apply for a \$250,000 grant for the construction of a senior center in the Mt. Pleasant community.

With Stephens' amendment, the grant application would also include a senior center in the Ino Community.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple, who represents the people of the Mt. Pleasant community in District 4, was against Stephens' motion indicating that he wanted to build and operate one center in his district rather than three or four. Stephens said he did not want to take anything away from Dalrymple or his district, but he felt applying for one grant to build two centers would save the county approximately \$100,000 in regards to coming up with matching funds for the grant.

Stephens' motion was tabled

at that time for further discussion during a work session, however, he again brought the matter to the attention of the commission during Monday's meeting.

"I have spoken with our senator and representative and they feel we have a better chance of receiving the grant if we go together," said Stephens.

His motion to take the matter off the table and then vote on the motion made during the Jan. 14 meeting received a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks.

Commissioner Jim Thompson expressed his concern for building more senior centers in that he wondered how the commission could keep spending money based on projections when the future of the landfill is uncertain.

The motion passed with a 4-3 vote. Commissioners Stephens, Brooks, Linda Westbrook and Kayo Lewis voted in favor, and Commissioners Tom Grimsley, Thompson and Dalrymple voted against.

At that point, Stephens restated his motion from the Jan. 14 meeting which called for the county to revise its grant application for \$250,000 for the Mt.

Pleasant Senior Citizen Center to build two centers (Mt. Pleasant and Ino) with the county to supply the required matching funds. His motion was also called for the Ino Senior Citizen Center to be built the same as the Damascus and Pine Level Senior Citizen Centers.

Dalrymple again expressed his disapproval by saying out of each district in the county there is a senior citizen center except Mt. Pleasant. He said he had a commitment for the building, and he felt the grant application should be left alone.

"I'm all for Mt. Pleasant having one, but we built two centers for \$250,000," said Stephens. "I don't see building one twice the size as the other centers in the county."

Dalrymple said the Mt. Pleasant area has more people living there than any other district in the county and he feels there is a need for a different type of building there.

With that said, the commission put the motion to a vote.

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Commissioner Brooks asks

for support for Senior FMNP

During the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday morning, Jan. 28, Commissioner Bernest Brooks urged the commission to show its support of the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

"Mr. (Robert) Stephens and I worked hard to get this program started," Brooks said. "I think the program was a total success, but we have some people in the federal government ready to cut expenses."

He said severe cuts are expected for the 2002 WIC and Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs. According to reports, the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program will be cut 49 percent and the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program will be cut 33 percent in all states.

Brooks said not only do the senior citizens of Coffee County benefit from this program, but local farmers benefit as well.

The FY2002 agriculture appropriations bill allows \$25

million for the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and \$25 million for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, and Brooks urged senior citizens Monday morning to call their local representatives and let them know how important the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program is to the people.

"I want us to send a letter asking our congressmen and representatives to support the program," Brooks said.

This was approved by a unanimous vote.

Also, Brooks urged everyone to contact Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and ask her to release these funds in the full amount allocated. Veneman can be contacted by:

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Area Happenings

VALENTINE PAGEANT The Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart Pageant will be held at Elba Elementary School on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m. For more information contact Stacia Amison at 897-8301 after 4:30.

NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL The New Brockton Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at the New Brockton Town Hall.

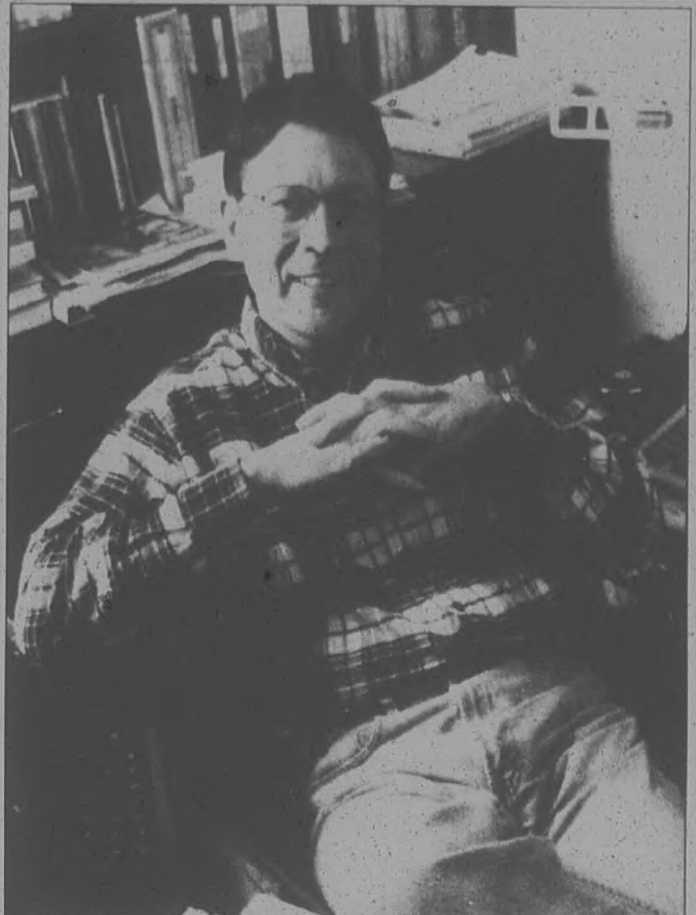
ARTS ALLIANCE PRESENTS The Coffee County Arts Alliance and Jade Productions, Inc. present Daniel Hailer with The Classical Band on Feb. 7, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. in the Enterprise High School Auditorium. The program, "A Night of Audience Favorites," includes a variety of works. For information, call (334) 393-2797.

BOOK SALE The Elba Public Library will have a book sale on Friday, Feb. 15, from 1-8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

BOOK DRIVE The local girl scouts organization is currently conducting a book drive to benefit the library program of at-risk students. Books are being accepted for elementary and high school reading levels, and collection points are the Elba United Methodist Church and 2nd Express. The book drive will continue through March.

A reception was held recently for Senator Jimmy Holley at Tartan Pines Golf Community Clubhouse in Enterprise. More than 600 of Senator Holley's friends and supporters attended to enjoy fellowship with Holley and his wife, Mary. Senator Holley's District 31 covers Coffee and Covington counties as well as parts of Dale and Houston counties. Holley will seek his second Senate term in 2002. He has also served 5 terms (20 years) as Alabama state representative for this area.

Bob Inman planning Elba visit for Feb. 2 to sign his new book



Bob Inman will be autographing his new novel, "Captain Saturday" in Elba on Saturday, February 2nd. He will be at the Briar Patch, on the square in Elba, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

This is the fourth major novel by the Elba native who now makes Charlotte, NC his home. Inman also published "Home Fires Burning," "Old Dogs and Children," and "Dairy Queen Days." The first, "Home Fires Burning," was selected as a feature on the Hallmark Hall of Fame and Inman was hired to write the screenplay. He also wrote another script for the Hallmark Hall of Fame, "The Summer of Ben Tyler."

This new book is the story of a well known TV weatherman in Raleigh, NC. It smoothly tells the story of his upbringing, from about age 13, through the teen years, college, and the ups and downs of his marriage and his career. Many early readers of the book have reported readily identifying with the highs and lows which plague the life of the main character, Will Baggott.

Along the way there was also the publishing of a collection of his nonfiction work, "Coming Home: Life, Love, and All Things Southern," and several successful television screenplays in addition to the two for Hallmark. Inman is presently writing the screenplay for his novel, "Dairy Queen Days." In 1996 he retired from a career of television newscasting and turned his full attention to his successful book writing and screenplay work.

Everett receives appointment to House Intelligence Committee

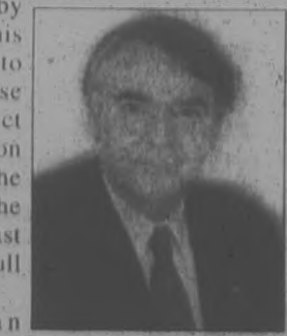
Congressman Terry Everett, R-Enterprise, has been appointed by Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The Speaker made the announcement last week before the full House.

Congressman Everett will become the only Alabama House member to sit on the panel which oversees defense and national security intelligence matters.

"At a time when President Bush says our war against terrorism will be won on intelligence, I am gratified to be appointed by Speaker Hastert to a position on the House Intelligence Committee," said Everett after receiving news of his appointment.

Everett is currently a senior member of the House Armed Services and House Agriculture Committees, ranking eighth on both. He is also a senior member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, ranking fourth overall. Additionally a member of the House Armed Services



NOTICE

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced a sign-up for the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) from February 4 to February 15, 2002, at local offices.

Approximately \$450,000 is available for cost-sharing in Alabama for Fiscal Year 2002.

For more information about the FY-2002 FIP sign-up, call 204-5281, Ext. 5, or go by the New Brockton office.